

Monthly Focus Verse

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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Get Girt

1 Peter 1:13

Lesson Four:

Get Girt

- 1 Peter 1:13

last week's discussions

Action:

- Give one or more examples of **how we can reach** out to -- **and bring hope** to -- someone who is alone at home and who is feeling anxious, depressed or lonely during the current lockdown.

Share:

- Stories, encounters, examples, ideas, praises, suggestions, insights, thoughts, Bible verses



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1. How elusive has the “inexpressible joy” of your salvation seemed to you from time to time?

- ☐ **1** I can't say I have ever experienced such “inexpressible joy”
- ☐ **10** Sometimes this joy has seemed elusive, usually on the “boredom” or “indifference” side of the scale.
- ☐ **2** Sometimes this joy has seemed elusive, usually on the “burnout” or “weariness” side of the scale.
- ☐ **8** This joy has been enduring for me. I can't say I've ever “lost” this joy.

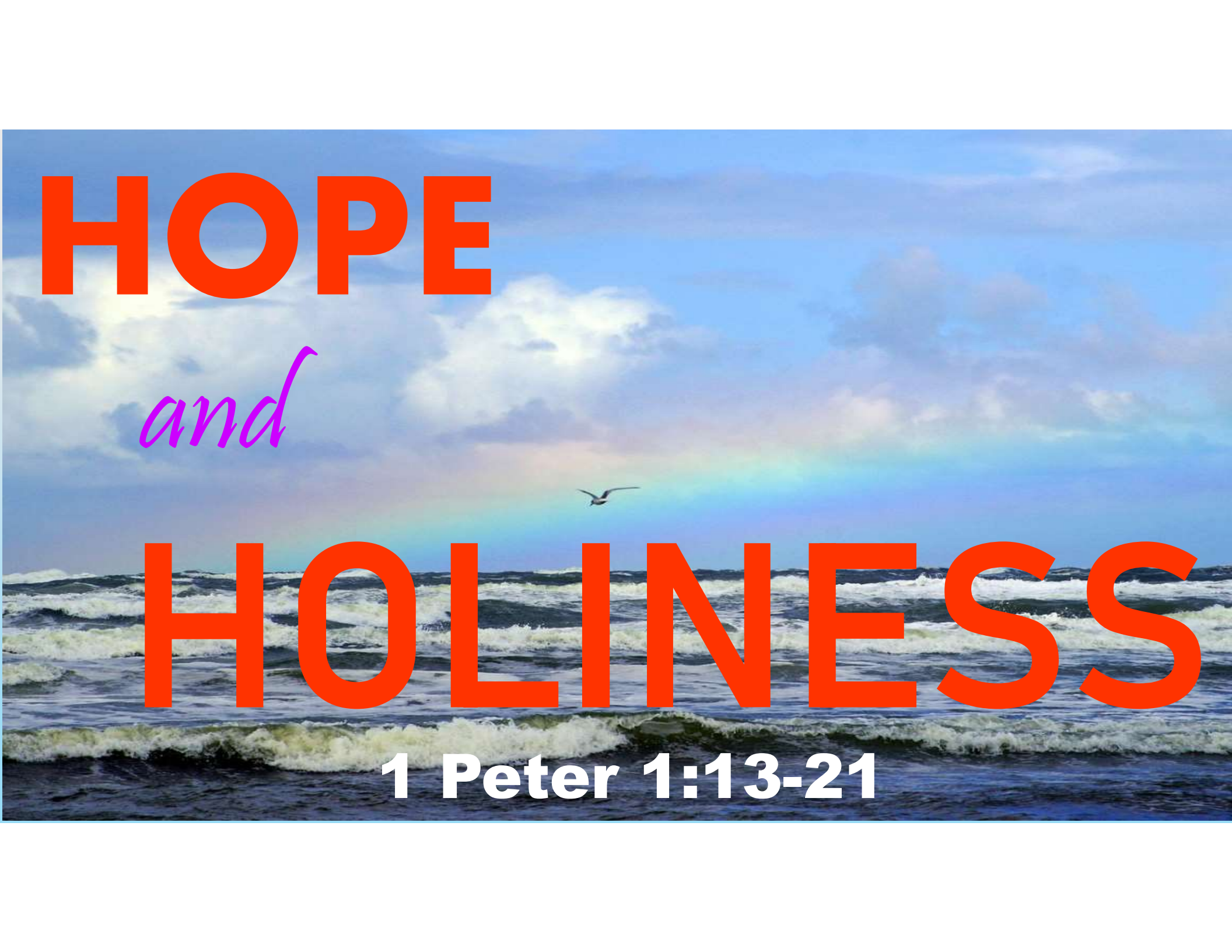
A seascape with waves, a rainbow, and a bird in flight. The sky is blue with scattered clouds, and a vibrant rainbow arches across the horizon. A single bird is captured in flight in the center of the frame. The ocean features white-capped waves in the foreground and middle ground.

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a seascape. In the foreground, dark blue waves with white foam are breaking. The middle ground shows a calm sea under a vast sky. A vibrant rainbow arches across the horizon, its colors clearly visible. A single seagull is captured in flight, its wings spread, positioned just below the rainbow's center. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

HOPE

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HOLINESS

1 Peter 1:13-21

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◆ THEREFORE ... In response to:

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*¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your **hope** fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is **holy**, you also be **holy** in all your conduct,*

*¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be **holy**, for I am **holy**.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,*

¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- 1 Peter 1:13-21

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- 1 Peter 1:15-16

1. Is it possible for a follower of Christ to be holy in this lifetime?

- Yes, because holiness requires perfection and is entirely a matter of grace. Christ's holiness is attributed to us by grace.
- Yes, because "separateness" is not absolute. We can be separate without being perfect.
- No. Even though we are commanded to be holy, we can only strive for holiness. We can't actually obey the command to be holy.

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- 1 Peter 1:13 [ESV]

¹⁷But you, **dress yourself for work**; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. - Jeremiah 1:17 [ESV]

¹³Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; - 1 Peter 1:13 [KJV]

¹⁷Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. - Jeremiah 1:17 [KJV]

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¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

- Colossians 3:1-2

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2

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- **Desire to bring glory to God**

⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

- John 17:5

- **Prayerfulness**

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- Heart for the lost

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³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- Matthew 9:36

- Humble obedience

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,[a] ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,[b] ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- Philippians 2:5-8

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- Anxiety

*²⁵Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.*

- Proverbs 12:25

*²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one
who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the
deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves
unfruitful.*

- Matthew 13:22

- Self-Condensation

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.. - Romans 8:1

³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. - Romans 8:33-34

- Fear of man

²⁵The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

- Proverbs 29:25

²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell .

- Matthew 10:28

- Compare: Taking every thought captive

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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- Take inventory

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

- Philippians 4:8

- Confront temptation with scripture

³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

- Matthew 4:3-4

- **Avoid time-wasting**

¹⁴stand Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

- Ephesians 5:15-16

- Warfare mentality

¹⁴stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness; - Ephesians 6:14 [ESV]

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- Be free of physical intoxicants

²⁵And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

- Ephesians 5:18

- Be free of spiritual intoxicants

*²⁵correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and **they may come to their senses** and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

- 2 Timothy 2:25-26

- **Serve one Master**

²⁴No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- Matthew 6:24

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this week's discussions

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- What are some ways that we can **get girt** (that is, foster the mind of Christ, taking every thought captive and confronting stumbling blocks) during this season of sheltering in place?

Share:

- Stories, encounters, examples, ideas, praises, suggestions, insights, thoughts, Bible verses



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◆ **For Next Time**

- *Re-read 1 Peter 1 (next week vv. 14-21)*
- *Meanwhile, participate in*
 - *The email threads on Cornerstone Connection*
 - *The Facebook group discussions*

We need to hear from each other!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/koinoniaabfatcbc>



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Lesson Four:

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